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TAGS: PDEV PINT RH

SUBJ: RHODESIA: SMITH SAYS HE WILL QUIT

REF: PRETORIA 3045

1. ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN ZAMBIAN PRESS MAY 27 ON SMITH'S COMMENTS ABOUT WITHDRAWING FROM POLITICS (REFTEL), SMITH ALSO SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE EASY TO HOLD ELECTIONS BY THE END OF THE YEAR BUT THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO DOING SO. HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THE GOVERNMENT HAD "ONE OR TWO IDEAS ON CORNER-CUTTING WITHOUT IMPAIRING THE EFFICIENCY AND INTEGRITY OF THE OPERATION."

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2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SMITH FOR SOME TIME IN PRIVATE MEETINGS HAS BEEN EMPHASIZING THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF HOLDING ELECTIONS, AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE THIS IS HIS FIRST PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT. THERE ARE MANY WAYS IN WHICH CORNERS COULD BE CUT SUCH AS ELECTIONS ON A PROVINCIAL LEVEL FOR PARTIES ONLY OR THROUGH A REFERENDUM-TYPE DEVICE. SMITH

MAY BE PREPARING THE GROUND FOR A DRAW BACK FROM FULL-BLOWN
ELECTIONS WHICH MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT.
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